(iv) Twenty-third Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Seventeenth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2001-02) of the Department of Disinvestment.

(v) Twenty-fourth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance on Financial Institutions Objectives, Performance and Future Prospects.

(vi) Twenty-fifth Report on the General Insurance (Nationalisation) Amendment Bill, 2001.

(vii) Twenty-sixth Report on the Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS

SHRI RAJIV RAN JAN SINGH 'LALAN' (Bihar) : Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following reports of the Standing Committee on Petroleum and Chemicals (2001) (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) :-

(i) Twenty-first Report on Production of Oil and Gas'.

(ii) Twenty-second Report on. 'Evaluation of Guidelines of Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs)'.

(iii). Twenty-third ReporL on 'Marketing and Distribution of Petroleum Products with special reference to -Rural and Hilly Areas'.

(iv) Twenty-fourth Report on "Indian Farmers' Fertilisers Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO)".

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, THE 11™ MARCH, 2002

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : With you permission, Sir, I rise to

announce that Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 11* March, 2002, Will consist of :-

1. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's order paper.

2. Consideration and passing of the following Bills:-

   (a) The Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2001

   (b) The Inter-State Water disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2001 as passed by the Lok Sabha.

   (c) The National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1995..

   (d) The code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2000.

3. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.

4. General Discussion on the General Budget for 2002-03.

REFERENCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN' S DAY

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA) : Sir, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity, and I am happy that the HRD Minister, Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, is present over here, because this concerns his Ministry also,.as this Ministry, apart from other things, is responsible for empowerment of women. Sir, this is a very important day for half the population of the world totaling about 3 billion, I mean, the women. I take this opportunity to wish you all, the men also, a • very happy Women's Day.

From the same place some six year ago I had moved a Resolution that was .adopted unanimously^foz jthe empowerment of women. It led- to the formation of the- Parliamentary Committee on Women's Empowerment. I had the privilege to be its first Chairperson.. This Resolution gave a greater resolve to. all the political parties to allocate more tickets to women in elections at all levels. And, in the Congress Party, they took a conscious decision to have 33 per cent reservation at the party level at every stage. From then onwards our fight for greater share in Parliament became stronger. However, every successive Government has been